

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, Applicants made the above amendments and present the following remarks.

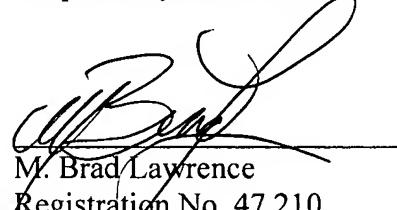
Claims 1 – 8 which were previously deemed allowable, remain in this application. The remaining withdrawn or rejected claims, (claims 9 – 23) have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to present these cancelled claims, or claims similar thereto, again in a continuing application.

Because all of the pending claims have been allowed, a notice of allowance is requested.

If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972. the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

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